## PROCEEDINGS

OF

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

Report of the Kew Observatory Committee for the Year ending December 31, 1898.

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The operations of The Kew Observatory, in the Old Deer Park, Richmond, Surrey, are controlled by the Kew Observatory Committee, which is constituted as follows:-

Mr. F. Galton, Chairman.

Captain W. de W. Abney, C.B., Prof. A. W. Rücker. R.E.

Prof. W. G. Adams.

Captain E. W. Creak, R.N.

Prof. G. C. Foster.

Prof. J. Perry.

The Earl of Rosse, K.P.

Dr. R. H. Scott. Mr. W. N. Shaw.

Lieut.-General Sir R. Strachey,

G.C.S.I.

Rear Admiral Sir W. J. L.

Wharton, K.C.B.

The work at the Observatory may be considered under the following heads:-

- I. Magnetic observations.
- II. Meteorological observations.
- III. Seismological observations.
- IV. Experiments and Researches in connexion with any of the departments.
  - V. Verification of instruments.
- VI. Rating of Watches and Marine Chronometers.
- VII. Miscellaneous.

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#### I. Magnetic Observations.

The Magnetographs have been in constant operation throughout the year, and the usual determinations of the Scale Values were made in January.

The ordinates of the various photographic curves representing Declination, Horizontal Force, and Vertical Force were then found to be as follows:—

Declinometer: 1 cm. =  $0^{\circ}$  8'.7.

Bifilar, January 11th, 1898, for 1 cm.  $\delta H = 0.00051$  C.G.S. unit. Balance, January 12th, 1898, for 1 cm.  $\delta V = 0.00050$  C.G.S. unit.

Owing to the gradual secular change of declination, the distance between the dots of light upon the cylinder of the magnetograph had become too small for satisfactory registration, and it was found necessary to after the position of the zero line. From a similar cause it was also found necessary to re-adjust the balance of the vertical force magnetometer.

During the past year two magnetic storms, or periods of considerable disturbance of the needles, have been registered, the first on March 14-15, the second on September 9-10.

The extreme amplitude of the March disturbance was: horizontal force, 0.0050 C.G.S. unit; vertical force, 0.0057 C.G.S. unit, and declination, 1° 26′. In eight minutes, from 10.40 to 10.48 p.m. on the 15th, the horizontal and vertical components exhibited falls of 0.002 and 0.003 C.G.S. unit respectively. The most rapid change of declination occurred some thirty minutes later. Speaking generally, the most satient features were the large falls in both the horizontal and vertical components and the movement of the declination needle nearly 1° east of its normal position.

The second storm occurred on September 9—10. The principal disturbance commenced somewhat gradually about noon on the 9th, but one of its most striking features was an exceptionally rapid fall occurring simultaneously at 3.5 p.m. in the horizontal and vertical forces and in the westerly declination. The fall was so rapid as to be shown somewhat indistinctly on the photographic traces, but it amounted to at least 15' in the declination and 0.0023 C.G.S. unit in the horizontal force. The recovery from this fall was also rapid.

The declination needle, on the same day, between 5.15 P.M. and 8.8 P.M. receded 54' to the east, then turned and in the course of the next thirty-two minutes moved 59' to the west. The horizontal force attained its extreme maximum and minimum at 2.42 P.M. and

8.30 P.M. respectively, the range amounting to [0.0050 C.G.S. unit (or about 1/37 of the whole component). Between 7.30 and 8.30 P.M., this element fell 0.0036 C.G.S. unit. The vertical force reached its maximum about 6 P.M., and its minimum about 8.30 P.M., but as the trace unfortunately got off the sheet near the minimum, it can only be said that the range of vertical force exceeded 0.0036 C.G.S. unit.

Both storms were presumably associated with the aurora simultaneously seen in the British Isles. The March storm was the largest recorded since August, 1894.

The hourly means and diurnal inequalities of the magnetic elements for 1898, for the quiet days selected by the Astronomer Royal, will be found in Appendix I.

A correction has been applied for the diurnal variation of temperature, use being made of the records from a Richard thermograph as well as of the eye observations of a thermometer placed under the Vertical Force shade.

The mean values at the noons preceding and succeeding the selected quiet days are also given, but these of course are not employed in calculating the daily means or inequalities.

The following are the mean results for the entire year:-

Mean Westerly Declination	17° 1′·4.
Mean Horizontal Force	0.18364 C.G.S. unit.
Mean Inclination	67° 17′·6.
Mean Vertical Force	0.43885 C.G.S. unit.

Observations of Absolute Declination, Horizontal Intensity, and Inclination have been made weekly, as a rule.

A table of recent values of the magnetic elements at the Observatories whose publications are received at Kew will be found in Appendix 1A to the present report.

In September Professor Luigi Palazzo of the Ufficio Centrale di Meteorologia, Rome, paid a visit to the Observatory for the purpose of comparing the Kew magnetic instruments and his own.

Dr. van Rijckevorsel also spent some time in the summer in making a further comparison between his magnetic instruments and those at Kew.

Mr. Hough, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, who has recently been appointed chief assistant at the Royal Observatory, Cape of Good Hope, visited the Observatory from August 18 to September 1, in order to gain a knowledge of the method of observing with the Unifilar Magnetometer and Inclinometer.

At the request of Professor Moos, director of the Colaba Observatory, Bombay, copies of the horizontal force, the vertical force,

and the declination curves for certain selected days during the years 1892, 1893, and 1897 have been made and forwarded to him.

Information on matters relating to various magnetic data has been supplied to Dr. von Bezold, Professor Milne, and Mr. Gray.

The Observatory has been visited by Dr. A. Schmidt, of Gotha, Professor Eschenhagen, of Potsdam, and Professor Liznar, of Vienna, members of the International Conference on Terrestrial Magnetism, which was held at Bristol in September.

In spring the unifilar magnetometer and dip circle, previously lent to the Jackson-Harmsworth Polar Expedition, were put in order and lent to Mr. P. Baracchi, Acting Government Astronomer, Melbourne Observatory, for observational use in Australia and New Zealand, or in Antarctic exploration, as he might decide. Later in the year an old dip circle was put in order at the cost of Sir George Newnes, and lent for the use of the Antarctic Expedition, under Mr. Borchgrevink. It was also agreed that if Mr. P. Baracchi should be willing to transfer to Mr. Borchgrevink the unifilar magnetometer and dip circle referred to above, the Committee would raise no objection, provided Sir G. Newnes should become responsible for the safe return of the instruments.

A course of magnetic instruction was given to the two magnetic observers of Mr. Borchgrevink's expedition, Mr. Colbeck and Mr. Bernacchi, the latter of whom had already practised the use of magnetic instruments at Melbourne Observatory.

#### II. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

The several self-recording instruments for the continuous registration of Atmospheric Pressure, Temperature of Air and Wet-bulb, Wind (direction and velocity), Bright Sunshine, and Rain, have been maintained in regular operation throughout the year, and the standard eye observations for the control of the automatic records duly registered.

The tabulations of the meteorological traces have been regularly made, and these, as well as copies of the eye observations, with notes of weather, cloud, and sunshine, have been transmitted, as usual, to the Meteorological Office.

With the sanction of the Meteorological Council, data have been supplied to the Council of the Royal Meteorological Society, the Institute of Mining Engineers, and the editor of 'Symons' Monthly Meteorological Magazine.'

Electrograph.—This instrument worked in a satisfactory manner till May, when the action markedly deteriorated. Tests of the battery showed that its E.M.F. had fallen off considerably; this was so far remedied by cleaning and recharging the top row of cells. At

the same time a new silk suspension was fitted to the needle of the electrometer, and the instrument generally overhauled, and a new scale determination was carried out.

The records remained satisfactory until November, when the battery potential again began to fall off rapidly. Between November 24 and 27 the whole sixty cells were cleaned and recharged with a satisfactory result, and on the latter date one-third of the cells were removed to contract the scale, in order to record high winter values, as explained in last year's Report.

On several occasions it had been noted that the electrometer needle had a tendency to "set" when the acid in the interior jar had been in use for some time. This "setting" largely interfered with the freedom of the needle. It has, however, been considerably reduced, by substituting a single platinum wire connection for the double gridiron form hitherto employed.

In May another portable electrometer, No. 80, was purchased from White, of Glasgow; it is furnished with some additions to the usual pattern, which experience at the Observatory suggested as likely to prove beneficial in reducing induction effects. This electrometer has been used since, with the older instrument, White, No. 53, in obtaining the scale value of the self-recording instruments, determinations being made on February 7, April 1, May 26, June 16, September 6, and November 28.

Inspections.—In compliance with the request of the Meteorological Council, the following Observatories and Anemograph Stations have been visited and inspected:—Stonyhurst, Yarmouth, North Shields, Alnwick Castle, Fort William, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Deerness (Orkney), by Mr. Baker; and Radcliffe Observatory (Oxford), Holyhead, Fleetwood, Armagh, Dublin, Valencia, Falmouth, and St. Mary's (Scilly Isles), by Mr. Constable.

## III. SEISMOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

The seismograph referred to in last year's Report was delivered by Mr. R. Munro in March. It is of Professor J. Milne's "unfelt tremor" pattern, the motion recorded being that of a horizontal pendulum or boom with a long period of vibration (fifteen to eighteen seconds from rest to rest). It is intended to measure the tilting of the ground along an east-west line, the boom itself lying due north and south.

At the suggestion of Professor Milne, who visited the Observatory, the site selected for at least a temporary trial is in the basement, inside the double-walled wooden room, originally designed for pendulum observations, and sometimes used as a warm chamber for chronometers. At first difficulties were encountered from wandering of the boom, which is still too liable to get off its pivot; but the record has been, on the whole, satisfactory for the latter half of the year. The following table gives particulars respecting the time of occurrence and amplitude in seconds of arc of the largest movements actually recorded:—

	Time (	G.M.T.).	Amplitude.
Date.	h.	m.	"
Jane 29	7	19.8 г.м.	$2^75$
,,	,	21.8 ,,	3.4
,,	.,,,	26.7 ,,	3.0
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August 31	8	34.9 ,,	2.7
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,,	,,	37.8 "	1.7
,,,	,,	40.7 ,,	1.6
November 17	1	<b>44</b> ·3 ,,	0.5
,,	, ,,	46.4 ,,	0.6
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The times deduced for the commencement of the above-mentioned earthquakes were 6 h. 47.6 m., 8 h. 4.5 m., and 1 h. 37 m. respectively.

Without special very careful experiments it would be difficult to say what is the probable error in fixing the precise times. Independent measurements of the photographic trace may agree to 0.1 or 0.2 of a minute, but there is room for a certain amount of doubt as to the proper values to attribute to the time marks on the sheet.

In the case of the times of commencement of a disturbance the uncertainty is greater, because the movement may be initially infinitesimal, and because a tiny movement arising from a different source (such movements being not uncommon) might intervene.

#### IV. EXPERIMENTAL WORK.

Fog and Mist.—The observations of a series of distant objects, referred to in previous Reports, have been continued. A note is taken of the most distant of the selected objects which is visible at each observation hour.

Atmospheric Electricity.—The comparisons of the potential, at the point where the jet from the water-dropper breaks up, and at a fixed station on the Observatory lawn, referred to in last year's Report, have been continued, and the observations have been taken twice every month.

During October some simultaneous observations were made with

the two portable electrometers, the one situated on the pillar in the garden, the other at the same height on a tripod stand, at some distance in the park. It is hoped that time will be found to repeat the experiments on sufficiently numerous occasions to allow some conclusions to be drawn.

Aneroid Barometers.—The experiments referred to in the last three "Reports" were continued in the early part of the year. The results have been discussed by the Superintendent in a paper recently published in the Society's 'Transactions.'

Platinum Thermometry.—The experimental work carried out at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures at Sèvres by Dr. J. A. Harker in co-operation with Dr. Chappuis has only just terminated. It has comprised a careful comparison of certain platinum thermometers belonging to the Observatory with a gas thermometer belonging to the Bureau, over the range  $-30^{\circ}$  C. to  $+600^{\circ}$  C.

Dr. Harker brought back the platinum thermometers, resistance box, &c., to the Observatory late in December, and is about to be engaged in preparing the results for publication. In view of this and other special thermometric work in contemplation, the Committee have temporarily secured the services of Dr. Harker in the capacity of special assistant to the Superintendent.

Experiments have been continued at the Observatory itself on the fixity of zero, and the general behaviour of platinum thermometers, which have shown, amongst other things, the expediency of carefully checking the behaviour of the "leads."

Experimental work on the comparison of platinum and mercury thermometers has also been continued, and it is hoped that it will shortly be possible, utilising the results of Dr. Harker's work at Sèvres, to issue certificates to high range mercury thermometers embodying the results of direct comparison.

Mercury Thermometry.—The experiments on thermometers of different kinds of glass made by Messrs. Powell and Sons, to which reference was made last year, have been continued. Further thermometers are being made by Messrs. Powell, of a pattern suggested by the Superintendent, with which it is hoped to experiment at higher temperatures.

## V. VERIFICATION OF INSTRUMENTS.

The subjoined is a list of the instruments examined in the year 1898, with the corresponding results for 1897:—

Number	tested	$_{\rm in}$	the	year
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		ending L	December 31.
		1897.	1898.
Air-meters		5	1
Anemometers		3	11
Aneroids		77	169
Artificial horizons		17	9
Barometers, Marine		167	122
" Standard		101	58
" Station		30	<b>5</b> 5
Binoculars		661	374
Compasses		51	44
Deflectors		4	3
Hydrometers		292	463
Inclinometers		5	5
Photographic Lenses		10	13
Magnets		2	2
Navy Telescopes		707	681
Rain Gauges		27	12
Rain Measuring Glasses		31	10
Scales		*******	2
Sextants		694	<b>7</b> 50
Sunshine Recorders		10	15
Theodolites		<b>2</b> 9	26
Thermometers, Avitreous, or	Immisch's	5	10
" Clinical		<b>17,27</b> 0	17,962
" Deep sea		119	79
" High Range		37	56
" Hypsometric		30	38
,, Low Range		71	94
,, Meteorologic	al	2,874	3,296
,, Solar radiation		**********	2
,, Standard		117	66
Unifilars		4	6
Vertical Force Instruments.		4	- junior col
Declinometers		3	
Total		23,457	24,434

Duplicate copies of corrections have been supplied in 84 cases.

The number of instruments rejected in 1897 and 1898 on account of excessive error, or for other reasons, was as follows:—

	1897.	1898.
Thermometers, clinical	156	173
,, ordinary meteorological	38	92
Sextants	98	106
Telescopes	66	60
Binoculars	28	30
Various	56	26

Two Standard Thermometers have been constructed during the year.

There were at the end of the year in the Observatory, undergoing verification, 7 Barometers, 550 Thermometers, 50 Sextants, 20 Telescopes, 59 Binoculars, 2 Hydrometers, 2 Sunshine Recorders, 5 Rain Measures, and 2 Rain Gauges.

## VI. RATING OF WATCHES AND CHRONOMETERS.

The high standard of excellence to which attention has been drawn in previous Reports has been maintained. Although the number of watches sent for trial this year is less than last year, yet the general average is as good, and 66 movements have obtained the highest possible form of certificate (the class A, especially good), which involves the attainment of 80 per cent. of the total marks.

The 483 watches received were entered for trial as below:-

For class A, 383; class B, 73; and 27 for the subsidiary trial. Of these 17 passed the subsidiary test, 116 failed from various causes to gain any certificate, 55 were awarded class B, and 295 class A.

In Appendix III will be found a table giving the results of trial of the first 50 watches which gained the highest number of marks during the year. The highest place was taken by Mr. S. Yeomans, Coventry, with a keyless going-barrel, Karrusel lever-watch, No. 76,152, which obtained 89.2 marks out of a maximum of 100.

Representations having been made to the Committee that some changes were desirable in the system of marks and dates on certificates, a circular was issued (as mentioned in last year's Report) to ascertain the general opinion of manufacturers and others interested in the matter, but the replies received showed no unanimity of opinion in favour of any one specified change, whilst a considerable number were quite satisfied with the existing conditions. Finally some small alterations were made, mainly in matters of detail.

The objection to the certificates that sustained most support—though even on this question opinions were fairly divided—was that the date suggested to the customer, in the case of any but the most recently tested watch, a line of criticism that would not naturally have presented itself. In consequence it was urged that the possession of a

Kew certificate was a very doubtful advantage to any watch remaining unsold for several years in a retailer's hands. The Committee could not see their way to alter the invariable practice of dating Kew certificates, but they agreed, in order to minimise the source of complaint, that a watch tested at the Observatory not less than three years previously, should be admitted to a fresh trial at half the usual fee.

Marine Chronometers.—During the year, 70 chronometers have been entered for the Kew A and B trials; of these 33 gained certificates, 21 failed, and there are 16 in hand.

The new cold-air chamber, to which a preliminary reference was made in last year's Report, has been completed, and has proved very convenient.

It consists of three separate divisions, each isolated from the others, and separated by a 3-inch space packed with flake charcoal, this same packing being continued on all sides of the divisions, the size over all being  $6\frac{1}{4}$  ft. by  $6\frac{1}{4}$  ft. by 3 ft.

The centre chamber, 3 ft. by 3 ft. by 2 ft., is fitted with sliding racks for the chronometers, and the division on either side is for the ice. This is supplied in blocks, which rest on boards, and drain away into a trap and gulley. The chronometer chamber is furnished with trays to hold potassic chloride for drying purposes, and with maximum and minimum thermometers.

The doors are packed with flake charcoal, and are so arranged that the ice stores can be filled or emptied without any disturbance of the chronometer chamber.

## VII. MISCELLANEOUS.

Paper.—Prepared photographic paper has been supplied to the Observatories at Hong Kong, Mauritius, Oxford (Radeliffe), and Stonyhurst, and through the Meteorological Office to Aberdeen, Fort William, and Valencia.

Anemograph and Sunshine Sheets have also been sent to Hong Kong and Mauritius.

Gas Thermometer.—Sir Andrew Noble, K.C.B., having generously offered to present a gas thermometer to the Observatory, and to defray the cost of sending an assistant to Berlin to study the method of using a similar instrument at the Reichsanstalt, at Charlottenburg, the Committee gladly accepted the gift. The construction of the instrument has not yet been completed.

Pendulum Observations.—In July Mr. F. Laurin and another officer of the Royal Austrian Navy swung half second pendulums in the sextant room on the spot where observations were made some years ago by von Sterneck.

Electric Tramways.—During the year a variety of schemes have been promoted for applying electric traction on the trolley system to tram lines in the neighbourhood of the Observatory, and one of these schemes, promoted by the London United Tramway Company, for a new line between Kew Bridge and Hounslow, passing within 1,300 yards of the Observatory, has received the sanction of Parliament. The Committee, roused by the fate that has befallen the magnetic observatories at Toronto and Washington, requested Professor Rücker and Professor Perry to take the matter in hand. A series of experiments made at various places in London and Leeds, under the general supervision of Professor Rücker, showed that electric railways and tramways, satisfying presumably all the existing requirements of the Board of Trade, produced very sensible disturbances in a declinometer at distances of two or three miles. This fact was brought before the notice of the Royal Society, who in turn entered into communication with the Board of Trade, with the result that the following clauses were inserted in the London United Tramway Company's Bill:-

- 1. The whole circuit used for the carrying of the current to and from the carriages in use on the railway shall consist of conductors, which are insulated along the whole of their length to the satisfaction in all respects of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings (in this section called the "Commissioners"), and the said insulated conductors which convey the current to or from any of such carriages shall not at any place be separated from each other by a distance exceeding one-hundredth part of the distance of either of the conductors at that place from Kew Observatory.
- 2. If, in the opinion of the Commissioners, there are at any time reasonable grounds for assuming that, by reason of the insulation or conductivity having ceased to be satisfactory, a sensible magnetic field has been produced at the Observatory, the Commissioners shall have the right of testing the insulation and conductivity upon giving notice to the Company, who shall afford all necessary facilities to the engineer or officers of the Commissioners, or other person appointed by them for the purpose, and the Company shall forthwith take all such steps, as shall in the opinion of the Commissioners be required for preventing the production of such field.
- 3. The Company shall furnish to the Commissioners all necessary particulars of the method of insulation proposed to be adopted, and of the distances between the conductors which carry the current to and from the carriages.

It is understood that the above clauses will be insisted on by the Board of Trade in the case of any other tram line which can be shown to be a probable source of danger to the Observatory.

The Committee are much indebted to Professor Rücker and Professor Perry for the trouble they have taken in the matter, and they are also glad to express their acknowledgment of the valuable assistance rendered by the editors of scientific journals and various eminent men of science in educating public opinion. The Committee even hope that ere long tramway companies themselves will recognise the benefits accruing from improved insulation.

Whilst everything has been done, as far as can be foreseen, to protect the magnetographs, it is impossible to contemplate the future without some misgivings.

National Physical Laboratory. — The Government Committee, referred to in last year's Report, visited the Observatory on January 18th. In the course of the summer, that Committee submitted to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury a report, embodying the following four recommendations:—

- 1. That a public institution should be founded for standardizing and verifying instruments, for testing materials, and for the determination of physical constants.
- 2. That the institution should be established by extending the Kew Observatory in the Old Deer Park, Richmond, and that the scheme-should include the improvement of the existing buildings, and the erection of new buildings at some distance from the present Observatory.
- 3. That the Royal Society should be invited to control the proposed institution, and to nominate a Governing Body, on which commercial interests should be represented, the choice of the members of such Body not being confined to Fellows of the Society.
- 4. That the Permanent Secretary of the Board of Trade should be an ex officio member of the Governing Body; and that such Body should be consulted by the Standards Office and the Electrical Standardizing Department of the Board of Trade upon difficult questions that may arise from time to time or as to proposed modifications or developments.

In October, the Royal Society informed the Kew Observatory Committee that the Government had adopted the report generally, and were willing to provide funds for carrying it into effect; consequently the Royal Society asked for the concurrence of the Kew Observatory Committee in their action.

In reply, the Committee expressed their willingness to facilitate the execution of the scheme, and to continue to administer the Observatory pending the nomination of the new Governing Body. The arrangements were not completed before the close of 1898.

Library.—During the year the library has received publications from

- 20 Scientific Societies and Institutions of Great Britain and Ireland.
- 93 Foreign and Colonial Scientific Establishments, as well as from several private individuals.

The card catalogue has been proceeded with.

Audit, &c.—The accounts for 1898 have been audited by Mr. W. B. Keen, Chartered Accountant, on behalf of the Royal Society, and by Professor Carey Foster on behalf of the Committee.

The balance sheet, with a comparison of the expenditure for the two years, 1897 and 1898, is appended.

#### PERSONAL ESTABLISHMENT.

The staff employed is as follows:-

- C. Chree, Sc.D., F.R.S., Superintendent.
- T. W. Baker, Chief Assistant.
- E. G. Constable, Observations and Rating.
- W. Hugo, Verification Department.
- J. Foster
- T. Gunter .. .
- W. J. Boxall ,,
- G. E. Bailey, Accounts and Library.
- E. Boxall, Observations and Rating.
- G. Badderly, Verification Department, and six other Assistants.
- A Caretaker and a Housekeeper are also employed.

(Signed) FRANCIS GALTON,

Chairman.

Kew Observatory. Account of Receipts and Payments for the year ending December 31st, 1898.

PAYMENTS.  # s. d. £ s. d.  By Normal Observatory:— Salaries—Observations, Tabulations, &c	158 8 0 64 9 2 375 0 0 918 6 0	Incidental Expenses, Apparatus, &c	Seismograph.—Cost of apparatus and sundries       65 15 0         Balance—London and County Bank       63 4 3         Awaiting Banking       2 18 8         In hand (Petty Cash)       14 6 6 650 9 4	ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURE.	Particulars.
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ESTIMATED ASSETS.	## Balance as per Statement	Stock:  Black Forms and Certificates	January 23th, 1899.

Comparison of Expenditure during the Years 1897 and 1898.

Expenditure.	18	397.		18	898.	•	Inc	rca	se.	De	erea	sc.
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Leaving for Ordinary Nett Expenditure	2696	6	s	2770	10	5	139	2	8	64	18	11

List of Instruments, Apparatus, &c., the Property of the Kew Observatory Committee, at the present date out of the custody of the Superintendent, on Loan.

To whom lent.	$oldsymbol{A}$ rticles.	Date of loan.
G. J. Symons, F.R.S.	Portable Transit Instrument	1869
The Science and Art Department, South Kensington.	Articles specified in the list in the Annual Report for 1893	1876
Professor W. Grylls Adams, F.R.S.	Unifilar Magnetometer, by Jones, No. 101, complete	1883 1887
Lord Rayleigh, F.R.S.	Standard Barometer (Adie, No. 655)	1885
Radcliffe Observa- tory, Oxford.	Black Bulb Thermometer in vacuo	1897
Mr. P. Baracchi (Melbourne Ob- servatory).	Unifilar Magnetometer, by Jones, marked N.A.B.C., complete	1898 1898 1898
The Borchgrevink- Newnes Antarctic Expedition.	Dip Circle, by Barrow, No. 24, with four Needles and Bar Magnets	1898

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#### APPENDIX I.

## MAGNETICAL OBSERVATIONS, 1898.

Made at the Kew Observatory, Old Deer Park, Richmond, Lat. 51° 28′ 6″ N. and Long. 0<sup>h</sup> 1<sup>m</sup> 15<sup>s</sup>·1 W.

The results given in the following tables are deduced from the magnetograph curves which have been standardised by observations of deflection and vibration. These were made with the Collimator Magnet K.C. I. and the Declinometer Magnet marked K.O. 90 in the 9-inch Unifilar Magnetometer by Jones.

The Inclination was observed with the Inclinometer by Barrow, No. 33, and needles 1 and 2, which are  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length.

The Declination and Force values given in Tables I to VIII are prepared in accordance with the suggestions made in the fifth report of the Committee of the British Association on comparing and reducing Magnetic Observations.

The following is a list of the days during the year 1898 which were selected by the Astronomer Royal, as suitable for the determination of the magnetic diurnal inequalities, and which have been employed in the preparation of the magnetic tables:—

January	3,	4,	7,	9,	23.
February	1,	3,	7,	26,	27.
March	1,	3,	4,	24,	31.
April	1,	9,	21,	22,	29.
May	7,	19,	21,	23,	<b>25</b> .
June	5,	13,	17,	20,	21.
July	2,	10,	15,	16,	18.
August	1,	8,	10,	15,	<b>25.</b>
September	6,	7,	12,	21,	26.
October	4,	8,	12,	16,	18.
November	5,	10,	14,	29,	30.
December	11.	12.	17.	23.	26.

Table I.—Hourly Means of the Declination, as determined from the

Hours	Preceding noon.	Mid.	1.	2.	3,	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
	(17° +) West Winter.												
1898. Months.	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	.,			,
Jan	6.1	3 .3	3.5	3.8		3.6	3 .4	3.2	1		3.0	1	4.8
Feb	6.0	3.0											4.7
March.	5.4	1.3									-0.4		
Oct	4.8	-1.7		-1.5									
Nov	$2 \cdot 2$	-1.6		-1.1									
Dec	1.8	-1.5	-1.3	-0.8	-0.7	-0.8	-0.7	-0.8	-1.1	-1.3	-1.1	-0.3	0.1
Means	4.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.6
AT 1 as a second do booking					Su	mmer.	1						
	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,
April	6.2	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.3	-0.5	-1.0	-1.7	0.5	2.8
May	$6.\overline{7}$	1.5	1.5	1.2	0.9				-3.4			1.4	4.8
June	5.7	1.1	1.0	0.9					-3.0				2.9
July	5.3	0.9	0.3	/					-2.9				2.7
Aug	6.6	0.0	0.0	-0.3	-0.7	-1.0	-1.7	-1.9	-2.4	-2.4	-0.9		
Sept	6.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.9	-0.8	-1.4	-1.8	-2:3	-2.4	-2:3	-1.6	0.8	3.2
Means	6.2	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.1	-0.5	-1.4	-2.0	-2.4	-2.4	-1.6	0.7	3.3

Table II.—Diurnal Inequality of the

Hours	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5,	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
	Summer Means.											
	, -0.7	-0.8	-1:0	-1.2	-1.8	-2.7	-3:3	-3.7	-3.7	-2.9	-0.6	+2.0
					Win	ter Me	ıns.					
	, -1.0	-0.9	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.9	, -1·1	-1.4	, -1·4	-0.4	, +1·2
					Ann	ual Me	ıns.					
	, -0.8	_0.8	-0.8	-0.9	, -1·3	_1·7	, -2·1	, -2·4	, -2·6	, -2·2	-0.5	, +1.6

## selected quiet Days in 1898. (The Mean for the Year = 17° 1'.4 West.)

Noon.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.	Succeeding noon.
	i de la constanta de la consta		erina figurarian majori			W	inter.			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	name of the patrick to the	magical Colonial de Colonia	
5·6 6·0 5·5 3·3 2·6 1·3	5·7 6·4 6·6 3·7 2·9 1·3	5·0 6·4 6·6 3·1 2·0 0·9	4·4 5·9 5·5 1·9 1·2 0·2	4·2 4·9 4·3 0·3 0·8 -0·1 2·4	4·0 4·5 3·5 0·1 0·6 -0·6	4.0 3.3 -0.1 -0.1	-0:3 -0:4 -0:9	3 ·6 2 ·6 -0 ·8 -0 ·5	2·4 -1·3 -0·8 -1·4	1 ·8 -1 ·6 -1 ·1 -1 ·3	1 ·8 -1 ·5 -1 ·1 -1 ·2	2·6 1·6 -1·8 -1·1	5·6 5·1 4·5 2·3 1·1
		•				Sur	nmer.						
5·6 7·7 5·3 5·4 5·8 5·5	7·3 8·4 5·8 6·5 7·2 6·4	7·3 7·8 5·3 5·5 6·8 5·3	5·8 5·8 4·1 4·6 5·9 3·2	4·5 3·8 3·2 3·1 4·0 1·3	3·4 2·0 2·3 2·4 0·2 2·1	$1.2 \\ 1.9 \\ 1.7$	1·3 1·6 1·2 0·3	1 · 9 1 · 7 0 · 8 1 · 5 1 · 0 0 · 1 1 · 2	1·7 1·0 1·5	1.6 1.5 1.3	1:1 1:4 1:3 1:0 0:6 -0:4	1.0	6:1 6:1 6:2 6:9 5:1

## Declination as deduced from Table I.

		is accard	.000 11	0111 4.00								
Noon	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.
Adamain to the state of the second			into an Annual — Annual —		Sum	ner Me	ans.					
, +4·6	+ 5 • 6	+5.0	+3.6	+2:0	+0.7	+0.1	, -0·1	_0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7
				***************************************	Wint	er Mea	ns.					
, +2.6	+3.0	+2.5	+1.7	+0.9	+0.6	+0.2	, -0·1	-0.3	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9
					Ann	ual Me	ans.					
+3.6	+4:3	+3.8	+2.7	+1.5	+0.7	+0.2	-0.1	, -0.5	-0.2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.8

points to the west of its mean position.

Table III.—Hourly Means of the Horizontal Force in C.G.S. units (corrected (The Mean for the

Hours	Preceding noon.	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
C	·18000 +				W	inter.							
1898.											1		
Months.								l				l	
Jan	349	351	352	351	352	353	355	358	357	355	351	347	348
Feb	353	362	361	361	361	363	364	366	366	365	362	358	357
March	346	356	354	356	357	355	357	359	360	358	351	345	340
Oct	355	369	370	369	366	368	369	368	366	361	353	348	348
Nov	366	369	369	368	370	371	374	377	376	372	365	359	361
Dec	378	381	382	382	383	384	384	384	385	383	384	385	382
Means	358	365	365	364	365	366	367	369	368	366	361	357	356
					Su	mmer.	-					[	
April	343	360	358	358	357	356	356	354	354	348	343	338	338
May	362	373	372	369	369	369	367	362	352	345	342	340	341
June	359	373	372	371	371	370	369	365	361	353	350	348	351
July	362	370	369	370	370	370	370	364	357	351	347	347	356
Aug	358	378	375	373	373	372	369	366	362	356	351	349	355
Sept	333	355	356	357	354	352	351	348	344	339	334	328	331
Means	353	368	367	366	366	365	364	360	355	349	345	342	345

# Table IV.—Diurnal Inequality of the

Hours	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
	and the second of the second		10.0		Su	ımmer M	leans.					
	+ .00005	+ *00004	+ *00004	+ .00003	+ *00002	+ .00001	00003	00008	- •00014	00018	- 00021	00017
					w	inter Me	ans.					
	•00000	•00000	000001	•00000	+ •00001	+ *00002	+ •00004	+ *00003	+ •00001	00004	- •00008	00009
					Aı	nual Me	ans.					
	+ •00003	+ .00002	+ •00001	+ •00001	+ .00001	+ .00005	•00000	<b>- *0000</b> 2	- •00007	00011	00012	- •00013

for Temperature) as determined from the selected quiet Days in 1898. Year = 0.18364.)

Noon.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.	Succeeding noon.
				yes (yestellere Welling		7	Vinter	•		***************************************			
350 357 342 354 366 383	354 359 347 359 370 384	353 362 351 366 371 384	353 362 353 368 372 383	351 359 356 369 372 385	354 361 356 371 375 386	354 361 357 371 376 387	354 361 359 373 376 387	354 362 360 374 376 385	354 363 360 374 375 384	354 363 361 373 373 384	354 363 361 372 371 384	354 363 363 371 372 383	354 358 345 353 368 386
						S	umme	r.					
343 347 359 363 361 340	350 353 365 365 361 349	353 360 371 369 363 351	354 364 371 375 366 352	356 369 373 375 370 354 ———	360 374 376 377 374 357	366 376 378 379 380 360	366 380 380 380 382 363	365 381 379 378 383 365	363 380 376 380 384 365	360 378 375 379 382 362	361 377 373 376 382 362	361 375 372 375 380 362	342 361 355 360 364 350

## Horizontal Force as deduced from Table III.

Noon	1.	2,	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.
					Sui	nmer Me	ans.					
- ·00011	00006	00002	+ •00001	+ .00004	+ •00007	+ .00010	+ •00013	+ •00012	+ •00012	+ .00010	+ .00008	+ .00008
	<u> </u>	Anna ann an Anna ann an Anna			w	inter Me	ans.					
- •00006	•00003	- •00001	•00000	•00000	+ .00002	+ .00008	+ .00003	+ .00003	+ .00003	+ •0000	+ •00002	+ .00003
					An	nual Mea	ans.					
00008	00004	00001	+ .00001	+ .00002	+ •0000	+ •00006	6 + •00008	+ •00008	+ •00008	+ •0000	6 + •0000	+ •00005

reading is above the mean.

Table V.—Hourly Means of the Vertical Force in C.G.S. units (corrected (The Mean for the

Hours	Preceding noon.	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
	0	· <b>4</b> 3000	) +	lew a market conse	7	Vinter	•						The control of the late
1898.													
Months.		1											
Jan	892	899	899	899	899	899	898	897	897	896	895	895	897
Feb	897	902	902	901	901	901	901	901	900	900	900	898	896
March	891	908	908	908	906	905	905	904	904	904	902	897	891
Oct	850	862	862	861	861	862	861	862	863	862	857	852	852
Nov	865	873	874	875	875	874	874	872	870	870	870	868	867
Dec	.868	863	863	862	862	863	864	864	864	863	863	863	862
Means	877	884	885	884	884	884	884	883	883	882	881	879	877
						Summ	er.						
April	875	898	897	896	896	895	894	893	893	891	888	884	879
May	878	898	897	896	896	898	898	899	897	892	885	878	873
June	883	894	892	892	891	892	894	892	891	889	883	876	873
July	893	905	905	903	903	902	904	903	902	900	895	893	889
Aug	883	898	897	895	895	896	897	897	896	894	889	887	886
Sept	830	853	852	851	850	850	850	851	851	849	846	840	837
Means	874	891	890	889	889	889	890	889	888	886	881	876	873

# Table VI.—Diurnal Inequality of the

Hours	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	. 10.	11.
				······	S	ummer M	leans.					
	+ •00003	+ .00002	+ •00001	+ .00001	+ •00001	+ *00002	+ *00002	+ •00001	- •00002	00007	<b>0</b> 0011	00015
					7	Winter M	eans.					
	+ •00001	+ .00001	+ •00001	+ •00001	+ •00001	•00000	•00000	•00000	•00001	00002	<b> *00004</b>	00006
						Annual I	Ieans.					
	+ •00002	+ .00002	+ .00001	+ •00001	+ •00001	+ •00001	+ .00001	•00000	00001	00004	00008	00010

for Temperature), as determined from the selected quiet Days in 1898. Year = 0.43885.)

Noon.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.	Succeeding noon.
							Win	ter.					
897 897 889 853 869 862	898 899 892 855 873 864	902 901 896 859 876 867	901 904 898 863 877 866	901 905 901 864 877 865	901 905 902 863 878 866	900 906 903 863 877 865	900 905 904 862 877 865	900 905 904 862 877 864	900 904 905 862 875 863	899 902 904 862 874 863	899 902 903 862 874 864	899 902 903 861 874 864	897 892 899 850 869 859
			\	1			Sun	mer.				1	
876 874 873 888 885 885	878 879 880 892 885 838	886 887 884 899 891 845	892 895 889 906 896 852	897 901 893 911 902 856	900 903 897 914 904 856	903 904 897 915 904 855	903 904 898 914 902 855	902 902 898 913 902 855	900 901 895 912 902 853	899 900 894 909 901 851	898 901 893 907 899 851	897 900 893 906 897 849	875 868 856 878 887 837
872	875	882	888	893	896	896	896	895	894	892	892	890	867

## Vertical Force as deduced from Table V.

Noon	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10,	11.	Mid.
					Sun	nmer Me	ıns.					
00016	00012	00006	+ .00001	+ .00006	+ .00008	+ •00009	+ .00008	+ .00008	+ •00006	+ .00002	+ .00004	+ •00008
					Wi	nter Mea	ns.					
- •00006	•00003	•00000	+ .00005	+ *00002	+ .00003	+ .00003	+ •00002	+ .00002	+ .00002	+ .00001	+ .00001	+ .0000
					Anı	nual Mea	ns.					
00011	00008	00003	+ .00001	+ .00004	+ *00005	+ .00006	+ •00005	+ .0000	+ *00004	+ .00003	+ •00002	+ .00005

Table VII.—Hourly Means of the Inclination, calculated from the Horizontal

Hours	Preceding noon.	Mid.	1.	2.	3,	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
		67° +	•			7	Winter	•					
1898. Months. Jan Feb March Oct Dec Means	18·8 18·6 18·9 17·2 16·9 16·2	18·8 18·2 18·8 16·6 16·9 15·8 17·5	18.9 16.5 16.9 15.8	18 · 2 18 · 8 16 · 6 17 · 0 15 · 7	18·2 18·6	18·7 18·1 18·7 16·7 16·8 15·6	18 · 0 18 · 6 16 · 6 15 · 6	18 · 4 16 · 7 16 · 4	17 ·9 18 ·4 16 ·8 16 ·4 15 ·6	17·9 18·5 17·1 16·6 15·7	17·1 15·6	$ \begin{array}{c} 19.0 \\ 18.3 \\ 19.2 \\ 17.7 \\ 17.4 \\ 15.6 \\ \hline 17.9 \end{array} $	18·3 19·3 17·7 17·3 15·7
			A STATE OF THE STA		The second second second second second	Su	ımmer	•	THE STREET PROPERTY PAGE		***************************************		
	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,
April May June July Aug Sept	18·7 17·5 17·8 17·9 17·9 18·1	18·2 17·3 17·2 17·7 17·0 17·3	17 · 4 17 · 2 17 · 8 17 · 2 17 · 2	17 · 5 17 · 3 17 · 7 17 · 2 17 · 1	17·5 17·3 17·7 17·3 17·3	17 · 6 17 · 4 17 · 6 17 · 3 17 · 4	17 · 5 17 · 7 17 · 6 17 · 5	18·1 17·7 18·1	18·5 18·7 17·9 18·5 18·0 17·9	18 ·8 19 ·0 18 ·4 18 ·9 18 ·3 18 ·2 18 ·6	19.0 18.4 19.0 18.5 18.5	19.0 18.4 18.9 18.6 18.7	19 · 1 18 · 8 18 · 1 18 · 2 18 · 2 18 · 4 18 · 5

# Table VIII.—Diurnal Inequality of the

											• •	
Hours	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
					Sum	mer Me	ans.					
- Andrews Control of the Control of	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1	0.0	+0.2	+0.2	+0.9	+1.0	+1:1	+0.7
					Wir	iter Me	ans.					
	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	, 0·0	, 0·0	_0·1	-0.2	-0.2	, -0·1	+0.2	+0.4	+0.4
				- 1	Ann	ual Me	ans.					
	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	_0·1	o·0	+0.5	+0.4	+0.6	+0.8	+0.6

and Vertical Forces (Tables III and V). (The Mean for the Year = 67° 17'.6.)

Noon.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.	Succeeding noon.
	-					W	inter.						
,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,
18·8 18·4	18·6 18·3	18·8 18·1	18.8 18.2	18 ·9 18 · 5	18·7 18·3	18.7 18.4	18·7 18·3		18.6 18.2	18 ·7 18 ·1	18·7 18·1	18·7 18·1	$18.6 \\ 18.2$
19.1	18·9 17·1	18·7 16·7	18.7 16.7	18·6 16·6	16.5	18·5 16·5	18·4 16·3	16.3	18 ·4 16 ·3	18·3 16·3	16 .4	18·1 16·4 16·7	19·2 17·3 16·9
17 ·0 15 ·7	16·8 15·6	16·8 15·7	16 ·8 15 ·8	16 ·8 15 · 6	16 ·6	16·5 15·5	16·5 15·5	16·5 15·6	16·6 15·6	16·7 15·6	16·8 15·6	15.6	15.4
17 .7	17.6	17.5	17 · 5	17.5	17 ·4	17 •4	17 ·3	17:3	17 · 3	17 ·3	17:3	17 .3	17 ·6
						Su	ımmer	•					
,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,
18.7	18:3	18.3	18.4	18.4	18.2	17.9	17.9	18.0	18.1	18.2		18.1	18.8
18.4	18.1	17.9	17.8	17.7	17:4	17:3	17.0		17.0	17.1	17.1	17:3	17.3
17 ·6 17 ·7	17 ·4 17 ·7	17·1 17·6	17 · 2 17 · 4	$17.2 \\ 17.6$	17·1 17·5	17·0 17·4	16 ·9 17 ·3	16·9 17·4	17 ·1 17 ·3	$17.1 \\ 17.2$	$17.2 \\ 17.4$	17·2 17·4	$17.3 \\ 17.6$
17.8	17.8	17.8	17.7	17.6	17.4	17.0	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.8	16.8	16.8	17.6
17.8	17.3	17 · 3	17 .4	17.4	17.2	17.0	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.7	16.7	16.7	17 ·2
18.0	17 ·8	17 .7	17 .7	17.6	17.5	17:3	17.1	17 · 1	17.1	17.2	17 ·2	17:3	17.6

## Inclination as deduced from Table VII.

Noon	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.
			**************************************		Sum	mer Me	eans.			11.		
+0.3	0.0	, -0·1	, -0·1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	, -0.6	-0·6	-0.6	-0.6	, -0.5	, -0·5
					Wi	nter Me	ans.					
+0.3	+0.1	0.0	+0.1	+0.1	, -0·1	, -0·1	, -0·2	-0.2	-0.2	, -0·2	-0·1	, -0·2
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Ann	ual <b>M</b> e	ans.		and the second s	****		
+0.3	+0.1	0.0	0.0	, 0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	, -0·4	, -0·4	, -0·4	-0.3	-0.3

the reading is above the mean.

## APPENDIX IA.

MEAN VALUES, for the years specified, of the Magnetic Elements at Observatories whose Publications are received at Kew Observatory.

Place.	Latitude.	Longitude.	Year.	Declination.	Inclination.	Horizontal Force. C.G.S. Units.	Vertical Force C.G.S. Units.
Pawlowsk	59 41 N. 56 49 N. 55 47 N. 55 41 N. 53 51 N. 53 34 N. 53 32 N. 52 23 N. 52 16 N. 51 28 N. 51 28 N.	30 29 E. 60 38 E. 49 8 E. 12 34 E. 2 28 W. 10 3 E. 8 9 E. 13 4 E. 104 16 E. 5 11 E. 0 19 W.	$1896 \\ 1896 \\ 1892 \\ 1895 \\ 1896 \\ 1897 \\ 1896 \\ 1897 \\ 1896 \\ 1898 \\ 1898 \\ 1897$	0 21 3 E. 9 47 5 E. 7 30 8 E. 10 35 3 W. 10 29 5 W. 10 24 4 W. 18 27 6 W. 11 36 7 W. 12 41 6 W. 10 9 7 W. 10 9 7 W. 14 9 7 W. 17 1 4 W. 16 50 4 W.	70 41 6 N. 70 40 0 N. 68 36 2 N. 68 47 0 N. 68 45 6 N. 68 43 8 N. 68 53 9 N. 67 49 0 N. 66 36 3 N. 70 11 8 N. 67 17 6 N. 67 7 1 N.	·16495 ·17811 ·18551 ·17400 ·17422 ·17450 ·17236 ·18061 ·18028 ·18775 ·20139 ·18448 ·18364 ·18387	·47084 ·50765 ·47345 ·44821 ·44824 ·44826 ·44663 ·43921 ·44213 ·43398 ·55929 ·43618 ·43885 {*43547
Uccle (Brussels) Falmouth Prague St. Helier (Jer-	50 48 N. 50 9 N. 50 5 N.	4 21 E. 5 5 W. 14 25 E.	1897 1897 1897	14 27·3 W. 18 42·2 W. 9 21·1 W.	[67 6 5 N.] 66 19 5 N. — —	·18917 ·18595 ·19884	\ \cdot \cdo
Parc St. Maur	49 12 N.	2 5 W.	1898	17 7.9 W.	65 52 ·5 N.		
(Paris)	48 49 N. 48 15 N.	2 29 E. 16 21 E.	$ \begin{cases} 1896 \\ 1896 \\ 1897 \\ 1898 \end{cases} $	15 3 · 9 W. 8 36 · 0 W. 8 30 · 5 W. 8 24 · 8 W. 8 20 · 8 W.	65 1.6 N. 63 9.0 N. 63 7.1 N.	·19685 ·20731 ·20756 ·20785 ·20797	·42264 ·40951 ·40944 —
O'Gyalla(Pesth) Odessa† Pola‡ Nice Toronto Perpignan Rome Tiflis Capodimonte	47 53 N. 46 26 N. 44 52 N. 43 43 N. 43 40 N. 42 42 N. 41 54 N. 41 43 N.	18 12 E. 30 46 E. 13 51 E. 7 16 E. 79 30 W. 2 53 E. 12 27 E. 44 48 E.	1896 1897 1897 1897 1897 1896 1891 1896 (1894 1895	7 46 ·9 W. 4 47 ·3 W. 9 36 ·6 W. 12 18 ·8 W. 4 53 ·0 W. 13 55 ·3 W. 10 45 ·1 W. 1 53 ·7 E.	62 30 9 N. 60 28 0 N. 60 15 4 N. 60 5 9 N. 58 4 6 N. 55 48 1 N. 56 37 9 N.	·21105 ·22039 ·22088 ·22318 ·16650 ·22398 ·2324 ·25670 — ·24007	
(Naples)	40 52 N.	14 15 E.	1896 1897		56 37 ·1 N. 56 31 ·4 N.	·24040 ·24075	·36484 ·36406

<sup>\*</sup> Of the two values of the Inclination and Vertical Force, the first is based on observations with 3-inch dip needles only, the second on combined observations with needles of 3,6, and 9 inches.

<sup>†</sup> Inclination and Vertical Force means from six summer months.

Inclination and Vertical Force means from five months, January-May.

# APPENDIX IA—continued.

Place.	Latitude.	Longitude.	Year.	Declination.	Inclination.	Horizontal Force. C.G.S. Units.	Vertical Force. C.G.S. Units.
Madrid	40 25 N,	3 40W.	1895	ı° 6.6 w.	° <u>′</u>		
Coimbra	40 12 N.	8 25W.	1896	17 36 ·8 W.	59 40 ·2 N.	·22620	38662
Washington	38 55 N.	77 4W.	1894	3 39 ·9 W.	70 34 ·3 N.	.19979	56646
			∫1896		58 11 ·8 N.	·23346	37648
Lisbon	38 43 N.	9 9 W.	{ 1897		58 8·2 N.	•23385	37624
			[1898		58 7·8 N.	23413	•37660
Zi-ka-wei	31 12 N.	121 26 E.	1895	2 15 ·6 W.	45 55 ·1 N.	•32679	33743
Hong Kong	22 18 N.	114 10 E.	1897	0 23 3 E.	31 36 9 N.	·36547	•22497
Tacubaya	19 24 N.	99 12 E.	1895	7 45 ·6 E.	44 22 ·2 N.	.33428	32764
Colaba(Bombay)		72 49 E.	1896	0 33·8 E.	20 55 6 N.	·37463	14326
Manila	14 35 N.	120 58 E.	1896	0 51 ·0 E.	16 39·7 N.	·37868	•11333
Batavia	6 11 S.	106 49 E.	1896	1 22 ·0 E.	29 29 5 S.	·36768	20795
Mauritius	20 6 S.	57 33 E.	1896	9 48 · 7 W.	54 32 · 3 S.	•23913	'33572
Melbourne	37 50 S.	144 58 E.	1896	8 15.0 E.	67 18 ·3 S.	.23392	•55936

APPENDIX II.—Table I.

Mean Monthly Results of Temperature and Pressure. Kew Observatory. 1898.

	Mean	vapour- tension.	in.	.249	.206	194	.247	.298	.355	.380	.426	.375	.320	.269	.257	.301
		Date.	d. h.	$\begin{cases} 1 & 0.10 \text{A.M.} \\ k, \xi \end{cases}$	21 8 A.M.	26 8 P.M.	12 1 A.M.		25 3 P.M.		6 8 P.M.	30 5 A.M.	18 6	က	29 4 P.M.	
*.	Extremes.	Min.	ins.	29.321	29.504	29.349	29.327	29.201	29.463	29.671	849.62	29.574	28.744	28.764	29.083	:
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		Max.	ins.	30-711	30.384	30.272	30.278	30.373	30.293	30.389	30.331	30.420	30.370	30.370	30.542	:
		Mean.	ins.	30.334	29.965	29.895	29.925	29.845	29.997	30.116	30.024	30.112	29.845	29.860	30.088	30.001
		Date.	d. h.	8 2 A.M.	21 7 ,,	30 6 "	"99	13 4 ,,	1 2 ,;	11 4 ,,	8 1 " 31 midt.	6			31 3 A.M.	:
	lxtremes	Min.		9.12	26.0		28.7	36.3		44.1	0.24	,	38.0			:
meter.	Absolute Extremes.	Date.	d. h.	31 5 A.M.		18 4	8 3 "	F-4	21 2 P.M.		22 1 ,,		 	Π	4 1 P.M.	:
Thermometer.		Max.		55.0	26.3	ъ. <i>L</i> е	64.0	7.1.7	74.6	80.1	6.88	88.3	67.1	0.09	56.3	:
		Max. and Min.		43.0	41.4	40.s	47.7	52.3	6.49	61.7	64.1	0.19	53.5	45.3	45.2	51.1
	Means of—	Min.		38.9	36.0	0.#.o	39.3	7.27	20.3	53.0	55.2	2002	48.1	40.0	40.5	44.2
	M	Max.		47.1	46.7	6.04	56.1	29.0	65.4	70.4	72.9	71.8	58.6	20.6	49.9	6.29
		Mean.	۰	43.4	41.2		47.6	52.1	22.2	61.7	63.6	8.09	53.4	45.8	45.5	51.1
		.edtnoM	1898.	Jan	Feb.	March	April	May	June	$_{ m July} \dots$	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov.	Dec	$\left\{ egin{align*}{c} \mathbf{Yearly} \\ \mathbf{Means} \end{array} \right\}$

\* Reduced to 32° at M.S.L.

This table has been compiled at the Meteorological Office from values intended for publication in the volume of "Hourly Means" for 1898.

Meteorological Observations.—Table II.

# Kew Observatory.

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Ra	Total.	ins. 0.910 1.275 1.175 1.025 2.460 1.375 0.670 0.670 0.420 3.345 2.050 2.405	18.220
Mean	of cloud (0=clear, 10=over- cast).	80.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.0	2.9
	Months.	1898. January February March April May June July August October October November	Totals and means.

Measured at 10 A.M. daily by gauge 1.75 feet above ground.

The number of rainy days are those on which 0.01 inch rain or melted snow was recorded.

In a "gale" the mean wind velocity has exceeded 45 miles an hour in at least one hour of the twenty-four.

In a "calm" the mean wind velocity for the twenty-four hours has not exceeded 5 miles an hour.

Meteorological Observations.—Table III. Kew Observatory.

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\* As indicated by a Robinson's anemograph, 70 feet above the general surface of the ground, the original factor 3 being used. † Read at 10 A.M., and entered to previous day. 

‡ Read at 10 A.M., and entered to same day.

APPENDIX III.—Table I.

Performance of the 50 Watches which obtained the highest number of marks during the year. Total Marks. 001-00 8888 0-50 pensation. Marks awarded for -moo sanagasadme r 040 change of position. 35. Change of rate with 30 ·1 rate. Daily variation of 55 gaining and losing rates. xxxx4r444444xxxxxx4r44 xxxx4r50r0r0r0rx 000 **Дитегелсе** регмеел ехттете တ်မတ် 0.02 9 Io E. 000000000000 04004440440 Mean variation of daily + 1 - 2 - 1 + 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 5 - 5 -1.5 Dial down. 1.5 £1.2 +0.7 1++ 400 850 7.0-Mean daily rate. Dial up. 9.0+ +50.0 949 Pendant left. -5.0 o Pendant right. 7 +++ 0:0 4:0 +1.5 Pendant up. S.r., g.b., s.o. "Karrusel"
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Table I—continued.

Mean daily rate.	Pendant up.	Karusel         secs.         <
	Escapement, balance spring, &c.	S.T., g.b., d.o. "Karrusel" + 18 S.T., g.b., s.o., "Karrusel" + 4 S.T., g.b., s.o., "Karrusel" + 4 S.T., g.b., s.o., "Karrusel" + 6 S.T., g.b., s.o., "Karrusel" + 4 S.T., g.D., s.o., "Karrusel" + 4 S.T., g.T., s.o., "Karrusel" + 4
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In the above List, the following abbreviations are used, viz.:-s.r. for single roller; d.r. for double roller; g.b. for going barrel; s.o. for single overcoil; d.o. for double overcoil; + for gaining rate; - for losing rate.

Table II.

Highest Marks obtained by Complicated Watches during the year.

S. Smith and Son, London				Ma	Marks awarded for	for	
24987 S. Smith and Son, London 27.6 33349 Weill and Co., London 26·3 1101 Montandon-Robert, Geneva 27·2 2262 H. Golay, London 27·2 2263 H. Golay, London 26·4 12535 Baume and Co., London 26·0 107962 Baume and Co., London 28·4 3820 H. Golay, London 28·4 107962 Baume and Co., London 28·4 246988 Montandon-Robert, Geneva 33·4 226988 Baume and Co., London 22·5 111964 W. Russell, Glasgow 22·5 115749 Stauffer, Son, and Co., London 25·7 1107 Montandon-Robert, Geneva 33·4 119749 Stauffer, Son, and Co., London 25·7 1107 Montandon-Robert, Geneva 34·4	Description of watch.	Number.	Deposited by	Varia- tion.	Position.	Tempera- ture.	Total marks.
24987 S. Smith and Son, London				0-40	0-40	0-20	0-100.
101   Montandon-Robert, Geneva 7464   Army & Navy C. S., London 27.2   2262   H. Golay, London	Minute and seconds chronograph, minute repeater, and perpetual calendar, with phases of the moon,	24987 33349	S. Smith and Son, London	27·6 26·3	29 ·6 30 ·0	13·3 12·6	70.5 68.9
12535 Baume and Co., London 29·8 3820 H. Golay, London 28·9 107962 Baume and Co., London 28·4 30161 Pembroke Coleman, London 24·7 1102 Montandon-Robert, Geneva 33·4 121964 W. Russell, Glasgow 22·5 115749 Stauffer, Son, and Co., London 25·7 1097 Montandon-Robert, Geneva 34·4	Minute chronograph and minute repeater, ", and split seconds)	1101 7464 2262	Montandon-Robert, Geneva Army & Navy C. S., London H. Golay, London	31.4 27.2 26.4	36.4 32.2 35.0	15.4 13.5 13.4	83.2 74.9 74.8
1102 Montandon-Robert, Genera 33 .4 246988 Baume and Co., London 32 .3 121964 W. Russell, Głasgow 22 .5 115749 Stauffer, Son, and Co., London 25 .7 Montandon-Robert, Genera 34 .4	Minute and split seconds chronograph	12535 3320 107962 30161	Baume and Co., London H. Golay, London Baume and Co., London Pembroke Coleman, London	29.8 26.0 28.4 24.7	31.0 34.4 34.9 34.4	17.3 14.8 11.6 15.5	78·1 75·2 74·9 74·6
1097 Montandon-Robert, Genera 34-4		1102 246988 121964 115749	Montandon-Robert, Geneva Baume and Co., London W. Russell, Glasgow Stauffer, Son, and Co., London	33.4 32.3 22.5 20.7	36.5 32.5 36.0	17·3 18·9 17·7 14·8	87.2 83.7 77.0 76.5
II Calar Landon	Ordinary seconds chronograph	1097	Montandon-Robert, Geneva	34.4	36 ·1	17.5	0.88
II. Golay, London	Minute repeater	2314	H. Golay, London	28.4	29.9	17.0	75.3

Table II—continued.

	Total marks.	0-100.	9.62	6.82	8.92	75.7	75.4
for	Tempera- ture.	0-20	18.4	16.2	17.1	12.8	14.2
Marks awarded for	Position.	0—40	36.1	36.5	32.4	34.4	92.6
Ma	Varia- tion.	0-40	25.1	25 9	27.3	28.2	25 ·6
	Deposited by		S. Smith and Son, London	n			J. White and Son, Coventry
	Number.		192 B 292 25572	25571	02224	25541	35936
	Description of watch.		"Non-magnetic"				